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FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6393

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR BEXP EG US

SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INTEREST  
IN US CIPHER EQUIPMENT

1. ON SEPT 11 MFA DIRECTOR OF CODE DEPT MOHAMED SAID  
EL-SAYED CALLED IN POLCOUNS TO REQUEST URGENT ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY  
IN OBTAINING INFORMATION ABOUT CIPHER EQUIPMENT OFFERED BY US  
FIRMS. EQUIPMENT WILL BE FOR MFA AND WORLDWIDE EGYPTIAN  
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. URGENCY ATTACHED TO REQUEST BECAUSE PURCHASE  
TO COME FROM 1975 BUDGET.

2. AS FIRST STEP EL-SAYED WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE CATALOGUES AND  
PRICE LISTS FROM REPUTABLE FIRMS RECOMMENDED BY USG. AFTER MFA  
HAS OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THEM HE WOULD SELECT ONE OR MORE FOR  
DIRECT DISCUSSIONS. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OFF LINE CIPHER  
EQUIPMENT BUT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING OF ANY NEW TYPE  
EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDED BY US FIRMS. HE WANTS ADVANCED  
EQUIPMENT THAT WILL NOT SOON BE OUTMODED.

3. COMMENT: THIS REQUEST IS ONE MORE SIGN OF GROWING  
EGYPTIAN CONFIDENCE IN USG AND ALMOST CERTAINLY WAS HELD  
UP UNTIL SECOND INTERIM AGREEMENT CONCLUDED. EMBASSY  
THEREFORE HOPES DEPT CAN PROVIDE RESPONSE OF WHICH US FIRMS  
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MIGHT BE INTERESTED AS PROMPTLY AS PSSIBLE. BECAUSE OF

OBVIOUS POLITICAL SENSITIVITY, THIS REQUEST SHOULD BE HANDED AS  
ROUTINE COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY.  
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